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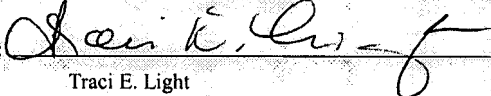
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In re Application of: Ellington *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/661,658  
Filed: 09/14/2000  
Entitled: **Allosterically Regulated Ribozymes**

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to answer the outstanding Office Action mailed **February 1, 2007** regarding the above-identified patent application. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of **\$510.00** to cover the extension fee for filing a Response within the third month.

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